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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Appellant's Brief (sixteen (16) pages) (in triplicate);
2. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); and
3. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) with two (2) accompanying references;
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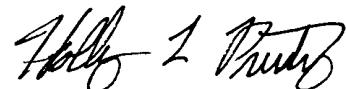
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